



16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was wonderful to be joined by families in Pendragon and Merlin classes, as the school hosted two family workshops, organised by Fiasco Circus Skills!

Children (and parents!) enjoyed a range of circus-based activities, including the high wire, juggling, balancing and twirling. It was a wonderful way to start the term with our first week back proper and a lovely opportunity for families to join their children in their movement learning.

Our enrichment clubs have now restarted for the term, with many of our children taking up wider development opportunities. From quiz club to construction, badminton to drawing – we know that there is something for everyone on offer!

The autumn survey has now closed; thank you to all who responded to this or the wrap around care survey. The report from the parent survey will be published in the spring edition of the newsletter and in the meantime, we will carefully consider the responses to continue to best meet the needs of our families.

One area of exploration is the possibility of increasing paid-for activity clubs during term time. If this is something that you feel you would be interested in, please speak to me to discuss what sort of clubs or opportunities you would like to see offered. The summer surveys will open following the May half-term.

Please do not forget that class curriculum letters, outlining topics and learning in each subject, are now available [on the Curriculum webpage](#).

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Family Workshop
– Circus Skills

I would like you to join me in congratulating the following children who were recognised this week by their teachers for excellent hard work and dedication:

Congratulations Sophie, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for always following the classrooms rules and being ready to learn – you're setting a fantastic example, Sophie – well done! Well done Lottie, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for creating a fantastic dinosaur fact file this week – who knew some dinosaurs don't have teeth! A fun and brilliantly creative set of sentences young lady, well done!

Pendragon – Congratulations Alex, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for being a supportive and kind friend to all your classmates – lovely news, Alex! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Lily, for her fantastic diary account as Cinderella. Keep up the great work, Lily!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating George as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for working hard in lessons and for his positive attitude towards all learning this week! Miss Bridge and team are extremely proud George, keep it up and well done! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Georgia H, for excellent work in her maths – particularly in scaling – working out how many times bigger one shape is from another – a tricky topic, Georgia – even for Year 6!

Excalibur – Violet is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for always being kind and helpful towards her peers and friends – great to hear, Violet! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to McKenzie, for his superb handwriting and presentation as well as dedication to being the best mathematician he can be in his shape learning – excellent effort, young man!

Lancelot – Alfie W has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for excellent writing based on The Lucky Dip; for accurate answers in his maths booster classes and for being a supportive shoulder partner – sounds as if you've had a brilliant week all-round, Alfie! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Barnaby, for an outstanding extended write, written from a different perspective and demonstrating unique ideas – brilliant to hear, Barnaby – I can't wait to read it on the Board of Brilliance!

A special mention to Isabelle, who performed in two shows with her dance school last Sunday at Westlands. Isabelle performed both acrobatic arts and ballet dances to an audience of 500 people each time, with shows based on The Wizard of Oz and Wicked!



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Please do not park on the hashed or yellow zig zags around the school entrances or in the surgery opposite, when collecting children from school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



QEvery Friday	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
Thursday 22 nd January	Mendip House Cake Sale  
Tuesday 27 th January	Year 4 Ansford Sports Festival – letter sent home this week.
Thursday 29 th January	Somerset Sustainable Futures Event at Yeovil Town Football Club – selected pupils only.
Tuesday 3 rd February	Lancelot Class Trip to Shepton Mallet Prison.
Friday 6 th February	PTFA Film Night – slips sent home this week or available at the school office. 
Monday 9 th February	Cross Country Event @ Bucklers Mead
Friday 13 th February	Early Years & KS1 Pancake Making with Mr Gordon
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026 – Half Term	
Monday 23rd February	SWIMMING Year 2 King Arthur Class Year 1 & Year 2 Pendragon Class
Wednesday 25 th February	King Arthur Egyptian Topic Day – Details to follow

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Please support your House
and bring some cakes in.



Mendips Cake Sale



Thursday 22nd January 2026

50P A CAKE

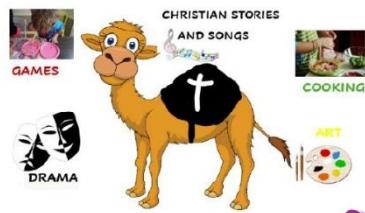
SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND BUY SOME DELICIOUS AND YUMMY CAKES

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL

THANK YOU

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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CAMEL CLUB

New Year, New Term

We are back on Monday

January 12th 3:30-4:30

In the school hall.

Come and join us for games, songs, stories, snacks and craft.

If you would like to join us please contact Caroline to book your place, all are welcome.

07765126355

carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

West Camel Theatre Group invite you to

A Night At The Musicals

Davis Hall, West Camel
7pm start, Doors at 6:30pm

Friday 30th January
£12pp to include a
selection of tasty nibbles

Saturday 31st January
£25pp to include curry
by Dorset Delights

To book a table, contact Rich Hooper on 07890 969313

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COUNTESS GYTHA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS



FILM NIGHT

6TH
FEB

27 TH
MAR

EASTER BINGO



COLOUR RUN

15TH
MAY

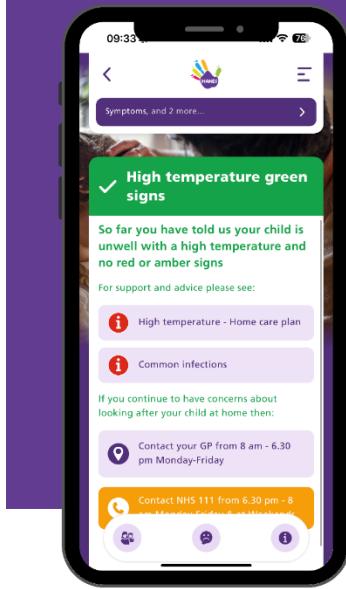


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- Built around Somerset pathways - the right care, first time.
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Jan/Feb/March 2026



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Somerset School Nurse Team Newsletter

Welcome to the new Somerset School Nurse Team newsletter!

The school nurse team is made up of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, and Assistant Practitioners. We specialise in promoting the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 5–19 years and cover primary and secondary schools across Somerset.

This newsletter will be delivered termly, and is intended to keep you up-to-date on all the things we are doing as a service, and will include topics and links relevant to physical and mental health.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful but please do feedback anything you would like to be added.

[Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Phn School Nursing](#)



Feedback QR code

SAINT
School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team

NHS
Somerset
NHS Foundation Trust

School aged vaccinations

Did you know they will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- FLU - Reception- Year 11
- MMR - Year 8
- HPV - Year 8
- Meningitis ACWY - Year 9
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)

Did you miss us?
We also have community clinics across somerset for:
Home Educated Children
Anxious Children
Children who missed the session at School

Kindness, Respect, Teamwork
Everyone, Every day

SCAN HERE

For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team.

Call on **0300 323 0032**

Children's Mental Health Week 2026

9—15 February 2026



If your child is struggling with their mental health speak with a school nurse or your GP.

Further support can be found:

[Mental Health Issues | Young Somerset](#)



[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | Young-Minds](#)

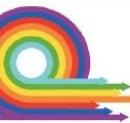
Are you looking for support with your child's bedwetting?

If so please contact your school nurse team for advice or make contact via the Chat Health Text service.

For more information regarding this topic please visit the following website:

[ERIC](#)

Free helpline:
0808 801 0343



Do you have a child with additional needs/and or disabilities?
Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C

Are you looking for advice and support?

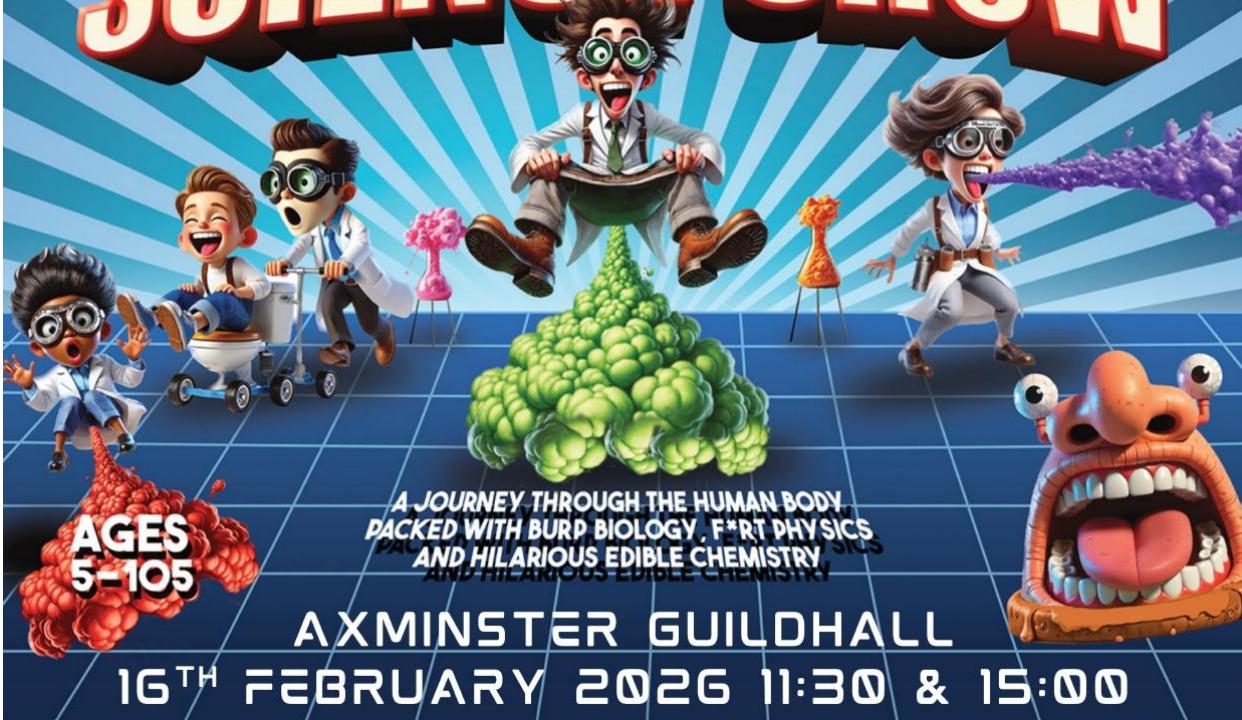
The Somerset Parent Carer Forum provides a range of information and support for parents and carers in Somerset. They run a range of support groups and workshops for parents/carers to attend, and also provide a phoneline where you can speak to a parent representative.

For more information click on the link below:
[Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC Ltd \(not for profit\) company](#)

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THE HILARIOUS HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE FAMILY SHOW
FROM THE PRODUCERS OF THE SMASH-HIT RUDE SCIENCE

UTTERLY REVOLTING SCIENCE SHOW



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